

March 27, 2001

S 703. PUBLIC LAWS-1. AMENDING THE PUBLIC LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA. Blank bill.

Intro. by Purcell.

Ref. to Rules	UNCODIFIED
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April 25, 2001

S 703. IMMUNITY/HONORING PORTABLE DNR ORDER. Intro. 3/27/01. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Replaces blank bill with *AN ACT TO CLARIFY IMMUNITY FOR HONORING A PORTABLE DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDER*. Establishes an optional and nonexclusive procedure by which a patient or patient's representative may use a portable do not resuscitate (DNR) order. Authorizes physicians to issue portable DNR order with consent of proper person and requires physician to document basis for DNR order. Requires Dep't of Health and Human Services to develop portable DNR order form. Provides health care provider with immunity from criminal prosecution, civil liability, or disciplinary action by professional licensing or certification agency for (1) withholding cardiopulmonary resuscitation from a patient in good faith reliance on DNR form unless there are reasonable grounds for doubting validity of order or patient's identity or provider had actual knowledge of revocation of portable DNR order or (2) failing to follow a portable DNR form if provider did not have actual knowledge of DNR order. Authorizes health care facility to develop policies and procedures to authorize the facility's provider to accept a portable DNR order as if it were an order of that facility's medical staff. Provides that act does not prohibit other appropriate DNR orders and does not affect validity of portable DNR forms in existence before act. Effective Oct. 1, 2001.